

EJ Task Force Meeting 2-15-17 Summary

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Around 35 participants attended. Around a dozen were agency representatives. Lily, Jackie, and Angeles represented EPA. The Tetra Tech agenda item lasted 50 minutes. Followup questions after the formal meeting adjourned lasted about 20 minutes. The tone was respectful and professional. Regan Patterson, the usual facilitator, moderated. At the sign-in table, Greenaction had copies of the following: News articles from NBC & SF Chronicle, EPA letters to the Navy 9/13/16 and 12/14/16, Jackie's summary of the 12/20/16 Greenaction meeting with EPA, DTSC, and CalEPA management. Four UC Santa Cruz students brought a large video camera and recorded the meeting. Bradley Angel announced a 4/21/17 protest march at USEPA Region 9 and handed out a flyer similar to this online version: [[HYPERLINK "http://greenaction.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/April-21-2017-Earth-Day-Action-for-Climate-Environmental-Justice.pdf"](http://greenaction.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/April-21-2017-Earth-Day-Action-for-Climate-Environmental-Justice.pdf)]. Lily gave a brief update that tracked closely to the attached response EPA gave to the San Francisco Chronicle reporter 2-7-2017. I gave out phone numbers for Dr. Higley, Derek, and Jay Green. Below is a summary paraphrasing the questions:

Q1: Is the new sampling in areas where Tetra Tech EC had already sampled or is it just to complete the cleanup?

Q2: What scanning or sampling has EPA already done for radiation?

Q3: Given the prior falsification that already occurred in spite of oversight from the Navy and EPA, I do not trust the new evaluation and sampling. We need a technical advisor that the community chooses to do oversight over the new sampling.

Q4: Taxpayers should not be paying; you should make Tetra Tech pay.

Q5: You cannot possibly clean this up to a level that is safe for people to live. There's a criminal conspiracy. Michael Madry from TestAmerica was a whistleblower who went to the EPA, the DA, and the US Attorney, and no one has done anything. They will get rid of EPA. The Navy said it is not using Tetra Tech, but Tetra Tech is still doing work in the Bay Area, e.g., Treasure Island Annex. We need to organize a community meeting to demand criminal prosecution.

Q6: I live near a landfill in Brisbane. I'm concerned that contaminated waste from the Shipyard was dumped in this or other landfills. Someone should test the waste in the landfills. When you cover landfills waste that is buried in it may still expose people if earthquakes or sea level rise disturb the cover. Do you have manifests that show where the waste went?

Q7: I have court documents from whistleblowers that show that the portal monitor was turned off for a long time and the trigger levels for the alarm were changed to be too high according to a regulator.

Q8: The Navy dug a big hole and put irradiated animals into it that exposed black workers. A black worker was dying from a rare tumor that is associated with Pu-239 exposure. I want radiological scans at Mariners Village where homes were built on top of foundations of former administrative officer residences that were part of the Shipyard. I want an epidemiological

study. This area has the highest breast cancer rates in the world. After the landfill fire, the Navy did not take air samples until 16 days later, after the fire was put out. This report I have does show exceedances of some chemicals. It does not show thermal conditions or rad data. Plumes from the landfill fire were 3 different colors. Dr. Rajiv Bhatia from the City falsified data in his reports and only measured pulmonary cases in that timeframe. I think the shipyard landfill is 20% radioactive. Did that radiation escape in the fire? I don't trust any of the data from the past.

Q9: I looked at the radiological cleanup standards for soil and buildings. Why are you relying on a 1991 version of the PRG Calculator?

Q10: The cleanup standards in the ROD state that they allow up to 25 mrem. Doesn't the EPA require 12 mrem?

Q11: I checked the Building PRG Calculator and the risks are bigger than the NCP risk range.

Q12: I looked at so many different buildings. I have been searching for the files in the Information Repository. All of that information is not there. I shouldn't have to go to the Navy to file a FOIA request to get documents. Why aren't all the files at the local repositories? Isn't it EPA's job to make sure all the documents are here?

Q13: Mr. McCarthy: How are you funded? Does Lennar pay for you like they do for the City?

**San Francisco Chronicle questions received 2/3/2017 from reporter JK Dineen
USEPA responses sent 2/7/2017**

What is the latest on the probes into Tetra Tech testing?

The Navy is the lead agency responsible for the investigation and cleanup of the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard (HPNS). EPA and its state regulatory agency partners oversee and enforce Navy compliance with the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (commonly called the Superfund law) and other requirements to ensure the cleanup at HPNS protects human health and the environment.

EPA is taking the allegations regarding Tetra Tech EC very seriously. We are waiting for the Navy's data evaluation and sampling effort, which is being conducted by a Navy independent third party contractor (not Tetra Tech EC) under EPA oversight. We expect the sampling results will confirm that the multiple layers of oversight that are in place have prevented and will continue to prevent current residents and workers from being exposed to contamination above health based standards. This effort will also evaluate the potential for exposure to future residents and workers. We are waiting for the results to determine whether or not more cleanup action will be necessary before redevelopment of additional property proceeds.

Independent radiological monitoring of dust, groundwater, ground surfaces, and fence lines have shown no exceedances of health-based standards, and independent third party contractors routinely conduct in-person observations of current radiological cleanup work. Additionally, EPA and the Navy have agreed that the Navy will not propose any further transfers of property at HPNS without clarifying—through investigation results and/or other actions—the actual potential public exposure to radioactive material at and near HPNS.

For questions about actions by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, please contact Diane Screnci at 610-337-5330. If any enforcement-related investigations are ongoing in other parts of the federal government, those matters may be enforcement confidential.

What is happening with the \$7M that Pelosi helped to get for review of Tetra Tech's work?

The Navy is the lead agency responsible for the investigation and cleanup of the Shipyard. For questions about funds provided to the Navy, please contact William Franklin (619) 524-5433.

What is the latest on the site's cleanup?

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